

Substitute Bill No. 6600

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTION OF RURAL CHARACTER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) On or before January first, annually, the 2 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall determine the 3 amount due, as a state grant in lieu of taxes, to each municipality (1) 4 that is designated on the state plan of conservation and development, 5 adopted pursuant to sections 16a-24 to 16a-33, inclusive, of the general 6 statutes, as rural and has less than five per cent of its total land area designated as a growth area or as a neighborhood conservation area, 8 and (2) that has prepared and placed into effect a land use 9 management plan the secretary determines will perpetuate and protect 10 the rural character.

(b) The grant payable to any municipality in the state for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be in an amount as follows: (1) In the case of municipalities with an average per capita income not greater than one hundred twenty-five per cent of the average per capita income of the state, not less than three hundred thousand dollars, and (2) in the case of municipalities with an average per capita income of more than one hundred twenty-five per cent but less than one hundred seventy-five per cent of the per capita income of the state, not more than two hundred thousand dollars.

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- 21 (c) As used in this section, "municipality" means any town, 22 consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, borough, 23 district, as defined in section 7-324 of the general statutes, and any city 24 not consolidated with a town.
- 25 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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